

Weekly Weather Crop Report

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There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Soil moisture for topsoil was rated 12 percent very short, 33 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil was rated 2 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Rice planting is in full operation. Corn planting is nearing completion in some counties. Farmers are preparing fields for cotton and anticipating rain to settle seed beds before planting.

Progress In Percentages					Conditions in Percentages				
Crop	Event	1995	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	68	43	39					
	Emerged	32	24	24		4	27	61	8
Rice	Planted	26	13	8					
	Emerged	1	4	3					
Sorghum	Planted	25	16	11					
	Emerged	7	12	5					
Wheat	Jointing	93	85	83		4	33	46	17
	Heading	16	14	21					
Watermelons	Planted	23	25	35		1	7	92	
Livestock						3	23	60	14
Pasture & Range						5	25	53	17

County Agent Comments

"We started our first full week of rice planting and are starting to plant soybeans. We also have about 100 acres of cotton planted with a little up."

-- Charlie Estess, Coahoma County

"Ground is very dry. We will need a rain before cotton can be planted. There has been a lot of rice planted. Wheat looks good."

-- Don Respass, Quitman County

"Some rowed up cropland could use some rain to melt clods and settle beds."

-- Doyle Varner, Jr., Tallahatchie County

"Farmers are busy planting corn and preparing land to plant cotton."

-- Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Some farmers are waiting on rain because some fields are dry and hard in river bottom lands."

--John A. Wilson, Itawamba County

"Thirty percent or more of the corn is planted. Additional moisture is needed for corn emergence in many fields. More land has been prepared earlier than any time in recent years. Pastures need rain. Wheat is looking better."

-- Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We're extremely dry. Corn planting has been put on hold due to lack of moisture. What planted has not emerged. Pastures are beginning to hurt."

-- Danny Owen, Tishomingo County

"Barley yellow dwarf virus symptoms are appearing in few wheat fields where heavy aphid populations existed early in the season. Corn emergence is excellent. Cotton ground on standby."

-- Jon T. Ruscoe, Washington County

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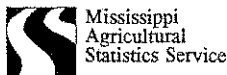
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Weather Summary From 4/03/95 to 4/09/95 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 inch Soil Temperature		
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave
1. Upper Delta												
Tunica	M	M	M	58	M	0.13	-1.09	1	0.82	M	M	M
Clarksdale	80	43	63	59	4	0.24	-0.58	1	1.19	75	52	64
Cleveland	82	42	60	M	M	0.16	M	3	3.08	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	82	42	62	59	3	0.18	-0.84	2	1.70	75	52	64
2. North-Central												
Holly Springs	78	34	57	56	1	0.14	-0.94	2	0.73	74	51	62
Memphis	81	41	64	58	6	0.27	-0.90	1	1.39	M	M	M
Oxford	80	38	60	57	3	0.04	-1.09	1	0.83	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	81	34	60	57	3	0.15	-0.98	1	0.98	74	51	62
3. Northeast												
Booneville	77	41	59	57	2	0.01	-1.36	1	0.45	M	M	M
Corinth	83	40	63	58	5	0.03	-1.43	1	0.79	M	M	M
Iuka	81	34	58	M	M	0.03	M	1	0.36	M	M	M
Pontotoc	77	43	61	58	3	0.07	-1.15	1	1.61	77	50	62
Tupelo	76	40	60	59	1	0.07	-0.96	1	2.28	M	M	M
Verona	78	41	60	M	M	0.07	M	1	1.77	73	51	62
Extreme/Average	83	34	60	58	2	0.05	-1.22	1	1.21	77	50	62
4. Lower Delta												
Belzoni	83	49	65	61	4	0.05	M	1	3.90	84	58	70
Greenwood	81	47	64	60	4	0.02	-0.94	1	1.95	M	M	M
Rolling Fork	80	47	63	M	M	0.00	-1.12	0	2.83	83	62	72
Stoneville	M	M	M	60	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Yazoo City	83	45	65	62	3	0.00	-1.10	0	4.24	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	83	46	64	61	3	0.02	-1.03	1	3.23	84	58	71
5. Central												
Winona	79	33	57	57	0	0.00	-1.10	0	2.87	M	M	M
Carthage	80	37	62	60	2	0.02	-1.18	1	3.62	M	M	M
Jackson	77	44	62	61	1	0.01	-1.16	1	3.16	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	80	33	60	59	1	0.01	-1.15	1	3.22	M	M	M
6. East-Central												
State University	M	M	M	60	M	0.00	-1.42	0	2.32	M	M	M
Columbus	79	43	62	M	M	0.00	M	0	1.37	M	M	M
Brooksville	80	48	63	M	M	0.03	-1.41	1	3.34	79	53	65
Extreme/Average	80	43	63	M	M	0.01	-1.42	0	2.34	79	53	65
7. Southwest												
Oakley	78	43	62	M	M	0.05	-1.17	1	4.40	82	54	66
Crystal Springs	M	M	M	M	M	0.04	M	1	6.76	M	M	M
Natchez	80	44	65	64	1	0.13	-1.10	2	5.53	M	M	M
Vicksburg	77	50	63	M	M	0.12	M	2	6.67	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	80	43	63	64	0	0.09	-1.14	2	5.84	82	54	66
8. South-Central												
Columbia	80	43	64	64	0	0.09	-1.53	3	5.87	M	M	M
McComb	78	41	63	62	1	0.28	-1.02	4	6.39	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	80	41	63	63	0	0.19	-1.27	4	6.13	M	M	M
9. Southeast												
Newton	77	40	59	61	-2	0.02	-1.20	1	2.27	71	47	60
Laurel	76	43	60	62	-2	0.08	-1.13	2	3.37	M	M	M
Hattiesburg	80	40	62	63	-1	0.07	-1.42	1	4.29	M	M	M
Beaumont	78	41	60	M	M	0.09	M	2	5.34	75	52	65
Meridian	79	43	63	61	2	0.00	-1.19	0	1.79	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	80	40	61	62	-1	0.05	-1.23	1	3.41	75	47	62
10. Coastal												
Poplarville	M	M	M	64	M	0.00	-1.18	0	5.12	M	M	M
Bay St. Louis	74	39	61	M	M	0.10	M	3	8.59	M	M	M
Gulfport	M	M	M	65	M	0.00	-1.11	0	9.59	M	M	M
Biloxi	73	51	64	65	-2	0.02	-0.85	1	9.43	M	M	M
Pascagoula	72	41	59	65	-6	0.00	M	0	7.99	M	M	M
Extreme/Average	74	39	61	65	-4	0.02	-1.09	1	8.14	M	M	M

Abbreviations: Max = Maximum; Min = Minimum; Ave = Average; Norm = Normal; DFN = Departure from Normal;
M = Missing

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